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No. 5406

Quito, July 9, 1947. *IC/R*

Subject: Interview with Dr. Ricardo Paredes,
Communist Party Leader.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
WASHINGTON.

SIR:

I have the honor to submit herein information dated July 7, 1947 furnished to this Embassy on July 8, by a reliable informant, which is graded C-3.

"The following pertinent comments were made to a fairly reliable source on July 3, 1947, by Dr. Ricardo Paredes, local communist leader:

"Concerning CP propaganda: "We must not attack the Americans too much through the press; they should even be praised on occasion in order that we not attract too much attention upon ourselves and in order to keep them from knowing our real strength."

"Concerning CP members: "We must be extremely careful not to allow our new party members to become known. The older members are already well-known and therefore easily watched."

"In the above discussion Paredes also mentioned that the CP was contemplating the establishment of new 'cells' in Guayaquil and that one in particular was to be started on or about August 12, 1947.

"The above comment by Paredes regarding propaganda attacks against the United States may be in line with the party's efforts in the past six months to work underground as much as possible to avoid attention in anticipation of possible repressive measures by the government."

No comment.

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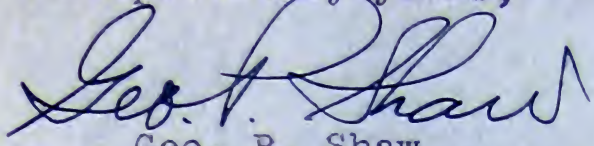
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No comment.

Respectfully yours,



Geo. P. Shaw
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

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"Source A, reported Adalberto [redacted] was 30 years of age and a student of psychology. He had obtained a scholarship (local) from the Universidad Tecnica Frederico Santa Maria, Valparaiso, Chile and was to leave for that university during the first week in July 1947. Subject would proceed from Chile, to Argentina, Uruguay and finally to Brazil. He would be in contact with local CP members in each country and would be authorized to act as a courier between the various branches. Source A stated he would carry a letter from local CP leaders to Carlos Luis Prats in Brazil.

"Source B, checked the above report and found a professor of biology, Ecuador Central Technic by the name of Jorge Adalberto [redacted] Tello, who lives at 2400 Olmedo Street, Quito, and is married. This person has received an invitation to visit the 'Universidad de Chile' but all details concerning his trip have not been arranged to date. If he is able to go to Chile, the professor indicated he would also visit Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil.

"Source C, checked all possible routes of departure by sea or air and found no indication that Subject had made any reservations to date."

by informant
[redacted]

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